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ARTICOLO RECEIVES VA POLICE SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR ***Albany Police rate “Highly” in Inspection, exceeding National standards***

Albany Stratton VA Medical Center - In a recent inspection by Police Inspectors from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs Office of Security and Law Enforcement in Washington, DC, Albany VAMC Police, led by Chief John McDonnell (r.), received a ‘Highly Satisfactory’ rating, the highest rating a facility police



unit can achieve. The successful inspection was a result of the department exceeding established standards, being proactive in providing services that ensure a safe environment for the delivery of health care to Veterans.

In addition to high praise of Stratton’s police program, Lt. Alfred Articulo (l.) was selected as ***“VA Police Supervisor of the Year.”*** Articulo also serves as the VISN 2 Project Life Saver Coordinator and is in the PMDB Master Trainer program.



The bi-annual inspection covers over 300 security and law enforcement elements designed to ensure that Police Service is providing for the safety of persons and property at VA facilities in a legal and correct manner. Six program areas, incorporating 12 overall critical areas, were inspected. The overall rating of ‘Highly Satisfactory’ is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in providing a safe and secure environment for the delivery of healthcare to our veterans.